

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

This seems to be a case of common sense. If there are only a handful of companies owning media venues, then there will naturally be a stifling of diversity. We have enough of that to work within already. The request for hard proof in statistics and data that diversity will indeed be lacking makes a complicated, and appears rather ignorant, of the knowledge of cause and effect.

As publisher and editor of a small press, I know the struggles of getting multiple voices to reach the stands. We struggle daily to keep our publication in ink. If there is truly a concern for representative media, diversity and accuracy, then thinking of removing these preventative measures is utterly absurd. There is plenty that you could be doing to maintain broadbased media. Please, use your logic here.